

#### Insurance in New Mexico.

The Denver Republican of the 16th inst says: Reports received here by Denver insurance men from Lordburg, New Mexico, yesterday state that in a severe fire, Saturday, the general mercantile building of Roberts and Leby was badly damaged and the stock may be an entire loss. It is not known how the fire started. The companies interested in the loss are the British American, Nation, Scottish Union, Philadelphia Underwriters, North American, American Central, Northern and Springfield. Each company carries \$2,700 and their loss is estimated at about fifty per cent.

This latest addition to the list of New Mexico losses calls attention to the great number of fires that that territory has experienced in the past few months.

One or two fires a week in some town or city of the district has become the usual thing and the result is that many of the insurance men are becoming wary of taking risks. In the statistics of many of the companies, New Mexico has always been listed as one of the loss districts, but even in these companies the records do not show as heavy losses for the period preceding last year as they show now.

Increased population with a resultant building of makeshift, poorly constructed buildings intended to be temporary in many cases, is given as one reason for the trouble and the high winds that prevail in parts of the territory is another. Certain it is, however, that if the losses do not decrease in New Mexico until the district losses are somewhat near the average, the insurance men say, that the territory will either have to suffer higher rates or go unprotected.

#### San Miguel Convicts.

The population of Santa Fe was increased on the 13th inst. by the arrival of thirteen prisoners at the territorial penitentiary, sentenced at the recent term of the District Court at Las Vegas.

The convicts who began serving sentences and the crimes for which they were sentenced with the length of the sentences follow:

Leandro Romero, murder, ninety-nine years.

Estevan Dominguez, murder, ninety-nine years.

David Encinas, murder, ninety-nine years.

Prudencio Martinez, attack on girl, twenty years.

Felipe Garcia, attack on girl, twenty years.

Pilar Padilla, attack on girl, twenty years.

Rumaldo Varela, stealing cattle, three years.

Josiah Wilson, larceny, two years.

Frederick Forest, larceny from box-car, two years.

Charles W. Fox, larceny from box-car, two years.

Adolfo Crespin, mistreating wife, one year.

David Brama, assault with intent to kill, one year and six months.

Mateo Padilla, larceny from a house, one year.

#### Injured Man May Recover.

With a portion of his brain as large as a teacup exposed to view, Willis Goodwin of Willard, is still living and will probably recover.

Goodwin was watching the work of digging a well at the ranch of Bus Woodward and while looking into the excavation there was a premature dynamite explosion, a fragment of iron striking him in the forehead, tearing away a piece of the skull and throwing him into the well.

Goodwin also sustained a fracture at the base of the brain and painful bruises all over the body, but physicians declare he will get well. Two men who were in the well when he fell were not injured.

#### Forestry Trip.

S. T. Dana, of Washington, D. C., and I. E. Terry, of Santa Fe, both in the Forestry service, returned yesterday from an overland trip to the Gallinas Planting station and the upper Pecos, says the New Mexican of the 5th inst. They made the home trip from Harvey's upper ranch on the Gallinas by way of the Arnold ranch and the Indian Creek Trail in two days on horseback, and both declare that the scenery is grand beyond description, the most beautiful to be found

anywhere in the Southwest. This morning Mr. Dana, whose headquarters are at Flagstaff, Arizona, for this summer, where he is studying the reproduction of yellow pine, left for Colorado Springs, Colorado, to inspect the Pike's Peak National Reserve, after which he will return to his Arizona field.

New Mexico will have a representative to the first International Good Roads' Association which will be held at Paris, France, October 11th, of this year. Hon. Numa Raymond, of Las Cruces, who is now touring Europe, wrote to Governor George Curry stating that as he was in Switzerland near the place of meeting of the convention and as it was the first one to be held, he would like to attend as a delegate from New Mexico.

Acting Governor Nathan Jaffa appointed Mr. Raymond as New Mexico's delegate to the meeting and mailed him his credentials. Thus it is probable that New Mexico will be one of the few states in the Union that will be represented at this world-wide meeting.

A home in Colorado has been found for twelve-year-old Alexander Blair, arrested for stealing \$80 from his employer, Rev. A. Basset, pastor of Guadalupe church at Santa Fe, and spending it for bicycles and toys. Thomas Blair, a relative living at Durango, has offered to take the boy.

Citizens of Floyd township, Roosevelt county, raised funds and had W. F. Tallant, county surveyor, survey the entire township, thereby lessening the possibilities of line fence and section boundaries disputes. Surveyor Tallant has been engaged to survey other townships in Roosevelt county.

Judge John R. McFie, of the First Judicial district, decreed that the injunction suit brought by the Rio Mimbres Irrigation Company to prevent Commissioner of Public Lands Robert P. Ervien, from canceling the contract entered into between the territory and the company, should be transferred from the Territorial Court to the Federal Court, thus giving the United States right to intervene in this case.

A Portales correspondent says: Cotton planting is over and a large acreage has been put out. Rain is needed. Not as much broom corn was planted here this year as last, owing to the uncertainty of the market this year. In nearly every locality where the farmers are thickly settled the agitation for a herd law is intense. The general feeling is that this part of New Mexico has outgrown old conditions and the need of a herd law is apparent.

Hon. T. B. Catron and Mrs. Catron went to Chicago, where Mr. Catron served as a delegate to the Republican convention. After the close of the convention Mrs. Catron will go to West Point to visit her son, Thom, who is a cadet at the Military Academy, thereafter she will take a short trip to New York and New Haven, Connecticut. Her son Fletcher, who has been at a preparatory school in New Haven, will return with Mrs. Catron. Mr. Catron was expected to return home direct after the close of the convention.

Adjutant General Tarkington announces the New Mexico National Guard companies will leave Albuquerque July 14th over the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway for San Antonio, Texas, on a special train. The four companies that will participate in the field maneuvers, will assemble at Albuquerque. Company A of Las Cruces, D. of Silver City and F. of Santa Fe will leave their respective cities on the 14th. Company G is stationed at Albuquerque. About 160 men will compose the representation from New Mexico.

#### A Strenuous Task.

"Your honor," said the witness, "can't you order a recess?"

"A recess?"

"Yes, sir. I've stood on this stand an' told the whole truth two hours on a stretch, and I'm tetotally worn out! I never told the truth that long before—not in all my life!"

#### Problem in Division.

Foreman—"How many av yez are down that hole?"

Laborers—"Three."

Foreman—"The half av yez come up."—Judge.

#### ROY, NEW MEXICO

The fast growing and prosperous little town of about 500 inhabitants, located on the Dawson Branch of the El Paso and Southwestern system in the eastern part of Mora county, has since its opening to the new comer and homeseeker on January 1, 1907, shown a wonderful development as to population and agricultural pursuits, about 800 homesteaders and desert entries were filed on since that date and more are coming in with every excursion, it is now the largest precinct in the county as to size and population.

The town is coming to the front with modern and up-to-date business houses, in spite of the money stringency; buildings are erected in all parts of the town, yet there are a good many business opportunities and chances for any kind of investment.

There are many thousands of acres of good level agricultural land around Roy, that may be filed on under the Homestead desert land laws.

During the past season the first experience by the new farmers proved that anything can be grown on our soil, such as wheat, oats, corn, sugar cane, kaffir corn, milo Maize and vegetables, as good as can be grown in the eastern states.

Water can be gotten at a depth of 30 to 150 feet, anywhere around Roy. Well drillers have not failed yet in obtaining water for those for whom they have drilled.

The town of Roy will in the very near future be the county seat of a new county, as its adjacent vicinity is destined to be the most prosperous community in the north-eastern part of New Mexico.

#### MORA COUNTY

Area, 2,542 square miles. Population, 13,000; the census of 1900 gave it a population of 10,304. Assessed valuation, \$1,175,823. County seat, Mora.

Postoffices.—Mora, Wagonmound, La Cueva, Cleveland, Guadalupe, Chacon, Ocate, Roy, Lucero, Halls Peak, Holman, Weber, Shoemaker, Watrous, Mills, Ledoux.

Mora County's agricultural products exceed those in value of any other New Mexico county, and it can rightfully claim the honor of being the leading agricultural county in the territory. However, its range interests exceed in value even its agricultural wealth. Yet its area is only 2,542 square miles, being less than that of any other county, excepting Santa Fe, Taos, and Bernalillo; still this area is more than twice that of Rhode Island and 600 square miles greater than that of the state of Delaware. According to the census of 1900, its population is 10,304, or four people to the square mile, a density of population exceeded only by Santa Fe, Bernalillo, and Taos counties.

The county is mountainous, the main ridge of the Rocky mountains passing through its western part, while the foothills extend almost to the eastern boundary. Some of the peaks rise to an altitude of over 13,500 feet, while the lowest point in the county has an altitude of 4,000 feet.

The hills are generally timbered, and a portion of the Pecos River Forest Reserve is in the county. From the main range, broken by the foothills, the mesa extends gently sloping toward the southeast. There are picturesque canyons and fertile valleys, making the topography a very broken one. The county is almost entirely in the drainage basin of the Canadian River, the Mora River, a tributary of the Canadian. Other tributaries of the Canadian in the county are the Ocate, the Vermejo, and the El Perro. The Sweetwater is a tributary of the Ocate. The principal tributaries of the Mora are the Coyote, the Cebolla, the Sapello, the Guadalupe, and the Lobo. The Pecos River rises in the western part of the county, and so does the Santa Cruz, the latter belonging to the drainage basin of the Rio Grande. The tributaries of the Mora drain about 40 miles in length of the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains and play an important part in the determination of the stream flow.

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